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The Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research

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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Stanford, California

Dear Doctor Lederberg:

Dr. Winternitz has been quite ill during the past several weeks, but is better now and I have had a chance to discuss your proposal of February 24th with him. He has asked me to say that the project will be given consideration at the spring meeting of the Board of Scientific Advisers which occurs late in April.

In preparation for this meeting, Dr. Winternitz has asked if you and Dean Alway would be willing to let us have as detailed information as possible concerning the personnel which is associated with the project, and, secondly concerning the financial structure of the Department of Genetics. What is needed for the consideration of the Board are short curricula vitae of Dr. Nossal and Dr. Herzenberg who are definitely joining the project, and also the names and curricula vitae of others that may be appointed to the project in the near future.

Then it would be essential to have a tentative budget, broken down into salaries, permanent equipment, and expendable supplies for at least the first year of the project and, if possible, for succeeding years. Also the Board of Scientific Advisers would want to know the total support of the Department for salaries and for research and what other research grants are available. I am sure that you will understand that this information is necessary for the serious consideration that the Boards of this Fund will give your proposal, and not to inconvenience you with needless red tape.

Sincerely yours,



L. L. Waters, M.D.
Assistant Director
Board of Scientific Advisers

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cc: Dean Alway